

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 153**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Nielsen and Lieu**

April 7, 2010

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 153—Relative to Crime Victims' Rights Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 153, as introduced, Nielsen. Crime Victims' Rights Week.

This measure would recognize the week of April 18, 2010, through April 24, 2010, as Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Violent crime continues to exist in California and  
2 crime in one part of the state, or against one person, affects our  
3 entire sense of well-being; and  
4 WHEREAS, All Californians are affected by crime, not just the  
5 victims of violent crime; and  
6 WHEREAS, The most effective aid that can be provided to  
7 victims of crime is to prevent crime from occurring in the first  
8 place; and  
9 WHEREAS, Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week  
10 has raised awareness of the special needs of crime victims; and  
11 WHEREAS, The theme for this commemoration of National  
12 Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness,  
13 Dignity, Respect"; and  
14 WHEREAS, 2010 is a landmark year for crime victims and  
15 survivors and those who serve them; and

1 WHEREAS, The respect and protection of victims' rights within  
2 the legal process is one of the most critical components of an  
3 effective criminal justice system; and

4 WHEREAS, Victims and witnesses of crime require special  
5 attention to ensure that they are thoroughly informed about, and  
6 participate effectively in, the criminal justice system; and

7 WHEREAS, To the maximum extent allowed by law, victims  
8 of violent crime should receive compensation for their losses; and

9 WHEREAS, Each day, thousands of victims and witnesses  
10 receive assistance from victim support organizations,  
11 victim-witness assistance centers, private service providers, and  
12 state and local governments; and

13 WHEREAS, The criminal justice system in this state must persist  
14 in its effort to better coordinate and improve the quality of services  
15 provided to victims and witnesses; and

16 WHEREAS, California citizens enshrined victims' rights in the  
17 California Constitution in 1982 through the passage of Proposition  
18 8, the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights; and

19 WHEREAS, California citizens reaffirmed and afforded  
20 additional rights to victims in the California Constitution and under  
21 California Law in 2008 through the passage of Proposition 9, the  
22 Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law; and

23 WHEREAS, Each year, the observance of the National Crime  
24 Victims' Rights Week focuses on the problems confronting victims  
25 of crime and the services available to support these victims; and

26 WHEREAS, The remembrances observed during National Crime  
27 Victims' Rights Week promote awareness of victim issues and  
28 acknowledge the combined efforts of citizens, government, and  
29 the criminal justice system to improve victims' services in  
30 California; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes the  
33 week of April 18, 2010, through April 24, 2010, as Crime Victims'  
34 Rights Week in California; and be it further

35 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
36 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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